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General and complete disarmament

Canada: draft resolution

The Conference on Disarmament (CD/1547) of 11 August 1998 to establish, under item 1 of its agenda entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament", an ad hoc committee to negotiate, on the basis of the report of the Special Coordinator (CD/1299) and the mandate contained therein, a non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 48/75 L of 16 December 1993 and resolution 53/77 I of 4 December 1998,

Convinced that a non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices would be a significant contribution to nuclear disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation,

Recalling the 1998 report of the Conference on Disarmament,[1] in which, inter alia, the Conference records that in proceeding to take a decision on this matter, that decision is without prejudice to any further decisions on the establishment of further subsidiary bodies under agenda item 1 and that intensive consultations will be pursued to seek the views of the members of the Conference on Disarmament on appropriate methods and approaches to dealing with agenda item 1, taking into consideration all proposals and views in that respect,[2]

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 27* (A/53/27).
[2] Ibid., para. 10.

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1. *Recalls* the decision by the Conference on Disarmament[2] to establish, under item 1 of its agenda entitled "Cessation of the nuclear-arms race and nuclear disarmament", an ad hoc committee which shall negotiate, on the basis of the report of the Special Coordinator[3] and the mandate contained therein, a non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices;

2. *Urges* the Conference on Disarmament to agree on a programme of work that includes the immediate commencement of negotiations on such a treaty with a view to their conclusion within five years.

[3] CD/1299.

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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 48/75 L of 16 December 1993 and resolution 53/77 I of 4 December 1998,

Convinced that a non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices would be a significant contribution to nuclear disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation,

Recalling the 1998 report of the Conference on Disarmament,[1] in which, inter alia, the Conference records that in proceeding to take a decision on this matter, that decision is without prejudice to any further decisions on the establishment of further subsidiary bodies under agenda item 1 and that intensive consultations will be pursued to seek the views of the members of the Conference on Disarmament on appropriate methods and approaches for dealing with agenda item 1, taking into consideration all proposals and views in that respect,[2]

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[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 27* (A/53/27).

[2] Ibid., para. 10.

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1. *Recalls* the decision by the Conference on Disarmament[1] to establish, under item 1 of its agenda entitled "Cessation of the nuclear-arms race and nuclear disarmament", an ad hoc committee which shall negotiate, on the basis of the report of the Special Coordinator[1] and the mandate contained therein, a non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices;

2. *Urges* the Conference on Disarmament to agree on a programme of work that includes the immediate commencement of negotiations on such a treaty with a view to their conclusion within five years.

[1] CD/1299.

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The Conference on Disarmament decision (CD/1547) of 11 August 1998 to establish, under item 1 of its agenda entitled "Cessation of the nuclear-arms race and nuclear disarmament", an ad hoc committee to negotiate, on the basis of the report of the Special Coordinator (CD/1299) and the mandate contained therein, a non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 48/75 L of 16 December 1993 and resolution 53/77 I of 4 December 1998,

Convinced that a non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices would be a significant contribution to nuclear disarmament and nuclear non-proliferation,

Recalling the 1998 report of the Conference on Disarmament,[1] in which, inter alia, the Conference records that in proceeding to take a decision on this matter, that decision is without prejudice to any further decisions on the establishment of further subsidiary bodies under agenda item 1 and that intensive consultations will be pursued to seek the views of the members of the Conference on Disarmament on appropriate methods and approaches for dealing with agenda item 1, taking into consideration all proposals and views in that respect,[2]

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 27* (A/53/27).
[2] Ibid., para. 10.

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1. *Recalls* the decision by the Conference on Disarmament[3] to establish, under item 1 of its agenda entitled "Cessation of the nuclear-arms race and nuclear disarmament", an ad hoc committee, which shall negotiate, on the basis of the report of the Special Coordinator[3] and the mandate contained therein, a non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices;

2. *Urges* the Conference on Disarmament to agree on a programme of work that includes the immediate commencement of negotiations on such a treaty.

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Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects

Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cambodia, Canada, Colombia, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Mongolia, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Uruguay: draft resolution

Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 54/58 of 1 December 1999 and previous resolutions referring to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects,[1]

Recalling with satisfaction the adoption, on 10 October 1980, of the Convention, together with the Protocol on Non-Detectable Fragments (Protocol I),[1] the Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby Traps and Other Devices (Protocol II),[1] and the Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Incendiary Weapons (Protocol III),[1] which entered into force on 2 December 1983,

[1] See United Nations Disarmament Yearbook, vol. 5: 1980 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.81.IX.4), appendix VII.

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Also recalling with satisfaction the adoption by the Review Conference of the States Parties to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects, on 13 October 1995 of the Protocol on Blinding Laser Weapons (Protocol IV),[2] and on 3 May 1996 of the amended Protocol on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Mines, Booby Traps and Other Devices (Protocol II),[3]

Recalling that the States parties at the Review Conference declared their commitment to keeping the provisions of Protocol II under review in order to ensure that the concerns regarding the weapons it covers are addressed, and that they would encourage efforts of the United Nations and other organizations to address all problems of landmines,

Recalling also the role played by the International Committee of the Red Cross in the elaboration of the Convention and the Protocols thereto,

Welcoming the additional ratifications and acceptances of or accessions to the Convention, as well as the ratifications and acceptances of or accession to amended Protocol II and Protocol IV,

Noting that, in conformity with article 8 of the Convention, conferences may be convened to examine amendments to the Convention or to any of the Protocols thereto, to examine additional protocols concerning other categories of conventional weapons not covered by existing Protocols or to review the scope and application of the Convention and the Protocols thereto and to examine any proposed amendments or additional protocols,

Noting that, in accordance with article 13 of amended Protocol II, a conference of States Parties to that Protocol shall be held annually for the purpose of consultations and cooperation on all issues in relation to the Protocol,

Noting also that the provisional rules of procedure of the First Annual Conference of the States Parties to Amended Protocol II provide for the invitation of States not parties to the Protocol, the International Committee of the Red Cross as well as interested non-governmental organizations to take part in the Conference,

Welcoming the results of the First Annual Conference of States Parties to Amended Protocol II, which was held in Geneva from 15 to 17 December 1999,[4]

Commending the efforts of the Secretary-General and the President of the Conference towards the promotion of the goal of universality of amended Protocol II,

Welcoming the holding of an informal meeting of experts of the States parties to amended Protocol II and other interested States on 31 May and 2 June 2000 in Geneva, which provided for structured discussion on several items under amended Protocol II,

1. *Calls upon* all States that have not yet done so to take all measures to become parties, as soon as possible, to the Convention and its Protocols, and in particular to amended Protocol II, with a view to achieving the widest possible

[2] CCW/CONF.I/16 (Part I), annex A.

[3] Ibid., annex B.

[4] CCW/AP.II/CONF.I/2.

adherence to this instrument at an early date, and calls upon successor States to take appropriate measures so that ultimately adherence to these instruments will be universal;

2. *Also calls upon* States parties to the Convention that have not yet done so to express their consent to be bound by the Protocols to the Convention;

3. *Welcomes* the convening, from 11 to 13 December 2000, of the Second Annual Conference of States Parties to Amended Protocol II, in accordance with article 13 thereof, and calls upon all States Parties to amended Protocol II to address at this meeting, inter alia, the issue of holding the third annual conference in 2001;

4. *Recalls* the decision of the States parties to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects[1] to convene the next review conference not later than 2001, preceded by a preparatory committee, and recommends that the review conference be held in December 2001 in Geneva;

5. *Welcomes* the convening of the first Preparatory Committee for the Review Conference on 14 December 2000 in Geneva, and decides to convene the second Preparatory Committee from 2 to 6 April 2001 and the third Preparatory Committee from 24 to 28 September 2001;

6. *Notes* that, in conformity with article 8 of the Convention, the next review conference may consider any proposal for amendments of the Convention or of the existing Protocols as well as any proposal for additional protocols relating to other categories of conventional weapons not covered by the existing Protocols to the Convention;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to render the necessary assistance and to provide such services, including summary records, as may be required for the second Review Conference of the States Parties to the Convention and its Preparatory Committee;

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in his capacity as depositary of the Convention and the Protocols thereto, to continue to inform the General Assembly periodically of ratifications and acceptances of and accession to the Convention and its Protocols;

9. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-sixth session the item entitled "Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects".

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Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly

Regional confidence-building measures: activities of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.12

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

A. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 8, 9, 10, 11, 15 and 16 of draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.12, the General Assembly would:

(a) Request the Secretary-General and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights to continue to lend all their support to the effective establishment and smooth functioning of the Subregional Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa;

(b) Request the Secretary-General, pursuant to Security Council resolution 1197 (1998), to provide the States members of the Standing Advisory Committee with the necessary support for the implementation and smooth functioning of the early-warning mechanism and the Council for Peace and Security in Central Africa;

(c) Also request the Secretary-General to support the establishment of a network of parliamentarians with a view to the creation of a subregional parliament in Central Africa;

(d) Request the Secretary-General and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to continue to provide increased assistance to the countries of Central Africa for coping with the problems of refugees in their territories;

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(e) Request the Secretary-General to continue to provide the States members of the Standing Advisory Committee with assistance to ensure that they are able to carry on with their efforts;

(f) Request the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session a report on the implementation of the resolution.

B. Relationship of the requests to the programme of work

2. The requests contained in operative paragraphs 9, 10, 15 and 16 of the draft resolution are associated with programme 26, Disarmament, of the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001, as revised, and section 4, Disarmament, of the programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

3. The request contained in operative paragraph 8 of the draft resolution is associated with programme 19, Human rights, of the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001 and the related activities are provided for under section 22, Human rights, of the programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

4. The request contained in operative paragraph 11 of the draft resolution is associated with programme 21, Protection of and assistance to refugees, of the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001, as revised, and section 23, Protection of and assistance to refugees, of the programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001, as well as the programme of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

C. Activities by which the requests would be implemented

5. Implementation of the requests contained in operative paragraphs 15 and 16 of the draft resolution, regarding provision of assistance to the States members of the Standing Advisory Committee and the submission of a report to the General Assembly, would be carried out within the resources provided under section 4 of the programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001. The provision contained therein covers substantive servicing of four plenary meetings of the Committee during the biennium.

6. The activities of the Standing Advisory Committee, including those related to the implementation and functioning of the early-warning mechanism and the Council for Peace and Security in Central Africa referred to in operative paragraph 9 and those related to the establishment of a network of parliamentarians referred to in operative paragraph 10 of the draft resolution, are expected to be funded from voluntary contributions to the Trust Fund for the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa.

7. Provision for the implementation of activities related to the request contained in operative paragraph 8 of the draft resolution, regarding support for the effective establishment and smooth functioning of the Subregional Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa, has been made in the programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 under section 22, Human rights.

8. Implementation of the activities related to the request contained in operative paragraph 11 of the draft resolution, regarding increased assistance to the countries

of Central Africa for coping with the problems of refugees in their territories, would be subject to the availability of voluntary contributions to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

D. Modifications required in the programme of work for 2000-2001

9. Modifications would not be required to programmes 26, 19 and 21 of the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001, as revised, or to sections 4, 22 and 23 of the programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

E. Potential for absorption

10. The programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 would continue to provide for substantive servicing of the two annual meetings of the Standing Advisory Committee. Activities referred to in operative paragraphs 9, 10 and 11 would be financed by extrabudgetary resources. Additional requirements are therefore not expected to arise under the programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

F. Indication of additional requirements

11. Accordingly, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.12, no additional requirements would arise under the programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

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General and complete disarmament

Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction

Note by the Secretariat concerning the responsibilities entrusted to the Secretary-General under draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.44

1. Under the terms of operative paragraph 9 of draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.44, the General Assembly would request the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in accordance with article 11, paragraph 2, of the Convention, to undertake the preparations necessary to convene the Third Meeting of the States Parties to the Convention at Managua, from 18 to 21 September 2001, and according to article 11, paragraph 4, of the Convention, on behalf of States parties, invite States not parties to the Convention, as well as the United Nations, other relevant international organizations or institutions, regional organizations, the International Committee of the Red Cross and relevant non-governmental organizations to attend the Meeting as observers.

2. The request contained in operative paragraph 9 relates to programme 26, Disarmament, and programme 27, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference services, of the medium-term plan, as revised, for the period 1998-2001. No provision has been made under section 4, Disarmament, or section 2, General Assembly affairs and conference services, of the programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 for the activities called for in the Convention, except for those related strictly to the depositary functions of the Secretary-General.

3. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.44, the Secretary-General foresees requirements for Secretariat assistance and substantive support services for its implementation, including the travel of substantive and conference-servicing staff, as appropriate.

4. The costs of the Third Meeting would, in accordance with article 14 of the Convention, be borne by the States parties and States not parties to the Convention participating in the Third Meeting, in accordance with the United Nations scale of

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assessments, adjusted appropriately. At the present stage, indicative estimates for the convening of the Third Meeting of the States Parties are not available, since a number of decisions on organizational arrangements have yet to be taken. Upon being informed by the States parties of their decision regarding organizational arrangements, the Secretariat will prepare an estimate of costs for the Third Meeting.

5. Thus, pursuant to article 14 of the Convention, the request that the Secretary-General undertake the preparations necessary to convene the Third Meeting should have no financial implications for the regular budget of the United Nations. In this regard, it is noted that, following established practice, the United Nations would levy a charge, at the rate of 13 per cent of expenditures, to defray the administrative and other support costs incurred in connection with such preparations. That charge would also be borne by the States parties and States not parties to the Convention participating therein.

6. The Committee's attention is drawn to the established practice that all activities related to international conventions or treaties are to be financed from outside the regular budget of the United Nations. Furthermore, those activities may be undertaken only when sufficient resources to cover related expenditures are received, in advance, from the States parties and States not parties participating in such activities.

7. **Therefore, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.44, no additional requirements would arise under the programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.**

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General and complete disarmament: regional disarmament

Cameroon: amendment to draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.34

Regional disarmament

New paragraph 6

"*Requests* all States to communicate to the Secretary-General information on disarmament efforts and initiatives as well as establishment of confidence-building measures carried out at regional and subregional levels";

New paragraph 7

"*Invites* the Secretary-General to assist the subregional and regional organizations in the implementation and the strengthening of regional disarmament initiatives as well as in the establishment of confidence-building measures";

New paragraph 8

"*Requests* the Secretary-General to report at its fifty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution".

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Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction

Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction

Note by the Secretariat concerning the responsibilities entrusted to the Secretary-General under draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.42

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 5 and 6 of draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.42, the General Assembly would:

(a) Note that, at the request of the States parties, a Fifth Review Conference of the Parties to the Convention will be held at Geneva from 19 November to 7 December 2001, that, following appropriate consultations, a Preparatory Committee for that Conference has been formed, open to all parties to the Convention, and that the Committee will meet at Geneva from 25 to 27 April 2001;

(b) Request the Secretary-General to continue to render the necessary assistance to the depositary Governments of the Convention and to provide such services as may be required for the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the Review Conferences, as well as the decisions contained in the final report of the 1994 Special Conference, including all necessary assistance to the Ad Hoc Group and the Special Conference which is to consider the report of the Ad Hoc Group, in accordance with its mandate as confirmed by the Fourth Review Conference, and to render the necessary assistance and to provide such services as may be required for the Fifth Review Conference and its preparations.

2. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.42, assistance from the Secretariat would be required (a) for the convening of the Fifth Review Conference and its Preparatory Committee; (b) for the depositary Governments of the Convention in the implementation of the decisions and recommendations of the Review Conferences, as well as the decisions contained in the final report of the 1994 Special Conference; and (c) for the Ad Hoc Group and the Special Conference.

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3. There is no provision in section 4, Disarmament, of the programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 to undertake the activities mentioned above. The costs related to the activities associated with the aforementioned meetings shall be met in accordance with the arrangements made by the States parties, and no additional costs shall be borne by the regular budget of the United Nations.

4. Activities related to international conventions or treaties that, under their respective legal instruments, are to be financed outside the regular budget of the United Nations may be undertaken by the Secretariat only when sufficient funding is received, in advance, from the States parties. Furthermore, in accordance with established procedures, the United Nations would levy a charge at a rate of 13 per cent of expenditure for such activities, to defray the administrative and other support costs incurred in their implementation. Such expenses would also be borne by the States parties.

5. With respect to assistance and services to be rendered to the Fifth Review Conference and its Preparatory Committee, which would meet at Geneva from 19 November to 7 December 2001 and from 25 to 27 April 2001, respectively, the related requirements are estimated as follows:

	Fifth Review Conference	*Preparatory Committee*
	(United States dollars)	
(a) Conference-servicing costs		
Meeting servicing	166 400	33 400
Pre-session documentation	53 200	11 600
In-session documentation	187 100	16 100
Post-session documentation	58 700	10 600
Summary records	193 600	-
Other conference services	10 000	2 000
Subtotal (a)	**669 000**	**73 700**
(b) Non-conference servicing costs		
Travel and daily subsistence allowance for two professional and one General Service staff from the Department for Disarmament Affairs	16 200	8 400
Three work-months of temporary assistance	18 100	-
Subtotal (b)	**34 300**	**8 400**
Total ((a) + (b))	**703 300**	**82 100**
Programme support costs (13 per cent)	91 400	10 700
Total ((a) + (b) + (c))	**794 700**	**92 800**

6. The costing provided herein is for indicative purposes only. States parties to the Convention would have to bear in full the actual costs of holding the Conference and the meetings of the Preparatory Committee.

7. Therefore, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.42, no additional requirements would arise under the programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

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Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects

Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects

Note by the Secretariat concerning the responsibilities entrusted to the Secretary-General under draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.50

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 4, 5, 7 and 8 of draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.50, the General Assembly would:

(a) Recall the decision of the States parties to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects to convene the next review conference not later than 2001, preceded by a preparatory committee, and recommend that the review conference be held in December 2001 in Geneva;

(b) Welcome the convening of the first Preparatory Committee for the Review Conference on 14 December 2000 in Geneva, and decide to convene the second Preparatory Committee from 2 to 6 April 2001 and the third Preparatory Committee from 24 to 28 September 2001;

(c) Request the Secretary-General to render the necessary assistance and to provide such services, including summary records, as may be required for the second Review Conference of the States Parties to the Convention and its Preparatory Committee;

(d) Also request the Secretary-General, in his capacity as depositary of the Convention and the Protocols thereto, to continue to inform the General Assembly periodically of the ratifications and acceptances of and accession to the Convention and its Protocols.

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2. The requests contained in operative paragraphs 7 and 8 of the draft resolution are related to programme 26, Disarmament, of the medium-term plan for the period 1998-2001, as revised, and section 4, Disarmament, of the programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.

3. No provision has been made under section 4, Disarmament, or section 2, General Assembly affairs and conference services, of the programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 to cover the costs related to the activities required by operative paragraph 7 of the draft resolution. The costs related to activities associated with such meetings shall be met in accordance with the arrangements made by the States parties and no additional cost shall be borne by the regular budget of the United Nations.

4. Activities related to international conventions or treaties that, under their respective legal instruments, are to be financed outside the regular budget of the United Nations may be undertaken by the Secretariat only when sufficient funding is received, in advance, from the States parties. Furthermore, in accordance with established procedures, the United Nations would levy a charge at a rate of 13 per cent of expenditure for such activities, to defray the administrative and other support costs incurred in their implementation. Such expenses would also be borne by the States parties.

5. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.50, assistance from the Secretariat would be required for the convening of the second Review Conference and its Preparatory Committee. The related requirements are estimated as follows:

	Preparatory Committee (First session)	*Preparatory Committee (Second session)*	*Preparatory Committee (Third session)*	*Second Review Conference*
	(United States dollars)			
(a) Conference-servicing costs				
Meeting servicing	11 000	55 600	55 600	110 800
Pre-session documentation	57 800	31 500	32 000	53 200
In-session documentation	0	27 200	34 400	49 900
Post-session documentation	24 700	24 900	49 100	97 200
Summary records	12 700	12 800	12 800	129 100
Other conference services	700	3 300	3 300	6 700
Subtotal (a)	**106 900**	**155 300**	**187 200**	**446 900**
(b) Non-conference servicing costs				
One work-month of temporary assistance at the General Service (Other) level	-	-	-	7 900
Subtotal (b)	-	-	-	**7 900**
Total ((a) + (b))	**106 900**	**155 300**	**187 200**	**454 800**
(c) Programme support costs (13 per cent)	13 900	20 200	24 300	59 100
Total ((a) + (b) + (c))	**120 800**	**175 500**	**211 500**	**513 900**

6. The costing provided herein is for indicative purposes only. States parties to the Convention would have to bear, in full, the actual costs of holding the Conference and the meetings of the Preparatory Committee.

7. Therefore, should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.1/55/L.50, no additional requirements would arise under the programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001.